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In re Patent Application of	)	MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Application No.: 10/581,343	• )	Examiner: Satya B. SASTRI
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For: PARTICULATE WATER RETAINING MATERIAL FOR CULTIVATING PLANT HAVING WATER ABSORBENT RESIN AS MAIN COMPONENT	)	

## REPLY AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action (non-final rejection) issued on May 18, 2011, Applicants submit the following remarks.